GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPORTS BILL
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any holistic Sports Law in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government has taken any initiative to formulate Sports Law/National Sports Development Bill (NSDB) for promotion of sports in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of NSDB along with the present status of the Sports Law/NSDB;

(e) whether the Government proposes to bring the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) under the ambit of Sports Law/NSDB and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which NSDB/Sports Law is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

(c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has formulated a draft National Sports Development Bill (NSDB) and placed it in the public domain seeking views of the stakeholders.

(d) The salient features of the NSDB are :

(i) Central Government support for development and promotion of sports including financial & other support for preparation of National teams, athletes' welfare measures and promoting ethical practices in sports including elimination of doping practices, fraud in age and sexual harassment in sports, Rights and obligations of the Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federations (including adoption of basic universal principles of good governance and professional management of sports).

(ii) Participation of athletes in the management/decision making of the concerned NSF and the Indian Olympic Association.

(iii) Mechanism for sports dispute settlement and establishment of a Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal.

(iv) Bring National Sports Federations under Right to Information Act, 2005 with certain exclusion clauses for protecting personal/confidential information relating to athletes.

(v) Specific provision has been inserted in the anti-doping clause to exclude the administering by the National Anti Doping Agency of those provisions of the World Anti Doping Agency Code to which the International Federation of the Sport is not subject.

(e) All the sports bodies including the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) are proposed to be covered under the ambit of Sports Law/NSDB.

(f) Since the suggestions/comments received on NSDB need detailed examination and further deliberations, it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame for enactment of the Bill.